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# GlobEng. International Conference on Global English

Dept. of English Studies, University of Verona, 14-16 February 2008

Verona, Italy

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The Department of English Studies of the University of Verona is proud to announce GlobEng: International Conference on Global English.

The aim of the conference is to provide a forum for the presentation of research discussing issues related to the role of English as a global language.

The debate over the status of English as an International language has been flourishing in the last few decades and is still open to new prospective developments. Starting from the awareness of English undisputedly prominent role as a Lingua Franca in international communication, the fact that native speakers are currently a minority, compared to second-language users of the language has been repeatedly highlighted.

The changing status of English has led to the emergence of a new linguistic scenery. On the one hand, the so-called native varieties have become highly differentiated and acquired greater autonomy, while on the other, the rapid growth of a community of non-native speakers, thanks to increasing international exchanges, has triggered reflection on the possible rise of a new International English, as opposed to the current native varieties.

A wide range of issues are brought to the fore in this connection, especially focusing on the possible evolution of the current scenario, both in Europe and in the rest of the world, with a reflection on (and a possible revision of) the notion of Standard, and the crucial implications that prospective developments might have on English Language Teaching (ELT).

The programme includes plenary lectures by renowned scholars in the field, such as **David Crystal**, **Jennifer Jenkins**, **Adrian Hollyday**, **Alan Maley**, **Barbara Seidlhofer** and **Simon Sweeney**.

Papers are encouraged which address the following topics:

- Pronunciation Models: new vs. standard
- Implications of new morphosyntactic models
- Semantic and pragmatic implications of globalising English
- Cultures, media and globalisation
- Identities and international communication
- Language policies in the European Community
- English and other languages in the classroom
- The teaching of English as a foreign/second language and as a specialised language
- Terminological issues and new taxonomies

Contributions are invited for 20-minute presentations (plus discussion). Abstracts should not exceed 300 words in length (references excluded). They should be anonymous and should be sent as email attachments (preferably .pdf or rtf format) to: globeng@lingue.univr.it

Please conform to the following specifications:

- Times New Roman pt.12 or equivalent font, single-spaced.
- Please do not include your name or any obvious form of identifiers in the abstract. This is because the abstracts will be subject to anonymous peer-review.
- In order to assist with the reviewing process, please also list up to 5 keywords in the email message

### Submission:

- Abstracts should be submitted as an attachment in MS Word, or PDF format;
- Subject line of the email should be *GlobEng* and abstract title;
- Email message should include: Talk Title, Author's Name(s), Title(s), Affiliation(s), Contact Info (email address, postal address, telephone number, fax number)
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# Abstracts should reach us by 30 September 2007.

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### **Important Dates:**

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Notification of acceptance: 30 November 2007

Early Registration: tba Late Registration: tba

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